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Dear Allen:

Your proposal of December 17 regarding ways to meet State's need for periodic intelligence reports on bloc military assistance to free world countries seems an admirable solution to the problem. Since the operations of the EIC in coordinating intelligence on Sino-Soviet assistance programs have been highly successful, I think it is entirely appropriate to utilize this experience in meeting the new request.

I have shown your suggestion to Ed Gullion, who also considers it a good idea to expand the terms of reference of the EIC Working Group. Accordingly, I would appreciate your bringing the request before the USIB, with the hope that the EIC could begin work on the problem in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

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Hugh S. Cumming, Jr.

The Honorable
Allen W. Dulles,
Director of Central Intelligence.

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A copy of this letter has already been sent to Bob Amory for his information and necessary action.

For your information, I am attaching the previous correspondence.

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